

TO AUTHORIZE SURVEY OF THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER AND THE  
PREPARATION OF PLANS AND ESTIMATES AS RECOMMENDED  
BY THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION

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Mr. WINSLOW, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Com-  
merce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. J. Res. 332]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom  
was referred the joint resolution (H. J. Res. 332) to authorize a  
survey of the St. Lawrence River, and the preparation of plans and  
estimates, as recommended by the International Joint Commission,  
having considered the same, report thereon with amendment and  
as so amended recommend that it pass.

The bill as amended has the approval of the President and of the  
State and War Departments, as will appear by the letters attached  
and which are made a part of this report.

Amend the bill as follows:

Line 6, page 2, strike out the comma after "\$275,000" and the  
words "or so much thereof as may be neces-."

Line 7, page 2, strike out "sary."

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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
Washington, December 19, 1924.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress  
a draft of legislation making available not to exceed \$275,000 of the existing  
appropriations for river and harbor works for the purpose of making surveys of the  
St. Lawrence River and the preparation of plans and estimates by the United  
States section of the Government Board of Engineers on the St. Lawrence project.

I have previously communicated to Congress my belief in the advisability of the  
improvement of the St. Lawrence River. In furtherance of this action I appointed  
an advisory committee, of which Secretary Herbert Hoover is the chairman, to  
advise me on this matter. By agreement with the Canadian Government  
a committee composed of three American engineers was appointed to make a study  
of the project in connection with three engineers to be appointed by the Cana-

dian Government and to form together a joint engineer board. The Canadian Government has already spent \$247,931.26 in investigating this subject and has appropriated \$150,000 more for expenditure in the present fiscal year. There is still much definite information to be obtained to determine the best plan of development and a reliable estimate of its cost. The United States should bear its fair share in bringing the investigation to a conclusion.

It is most desirable that we proceed as rapidly as possible to ascertain the cost of the project, the savings of cost that will be effected in transportation of the large quantities of grain and other materials we are moving east from the agricultural sections of our country, and of the return cargoes that may be expected, as well as the extent to which it will be profitable to develop power on the St. Lawrence. I recommend that Congress take favorable action upon this request at an early date.

Respectfully,

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, February 7, 1925.

Hon. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,  
Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,  
House of Representatives.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 27, 1925, inclosing a copy of House Joint Resolution 332 and asking for a report thereon and for such views as I may desire to communicate. The resolution would authorize the President to cause a further survey and study to be made of the St. Lawrence waterway, as recommended by the International Joint Commission in its report of December 19, 1921, and a report to be made to Congress thereon, and would make an appropriation of \$275,000 for those purposes.

In the President's letter of December 19, 1924, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives in regard to the St. Lawrence River (H. Doc. No. 498, 68th Cong., 2d sess.) mention is made of the appointment of an advisory committee to advise him concerning the St. Lawrence waterway project and of the appointment of a joint board of engineers by agreement between the United States and Canada to make a further study of the engineering features of the project. Canada likewise has appointed a national advisory committee. Negotiations are now in progress between the two Governments in regard to the terms of the instructions to be given to the members of the joint board of engineers.

This department is in sympathy with the purposes of House Joint Resolution 332 and would be glad to see it become law.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

CHARLES E. HUGHES.

WAR DEPARTMENT, February 3, 1925.

To the CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE,  
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

1. After conference between Secretary Hoover and myself I forwarded to the President a draft of suggested legislation to make available funds that will be needed for the necessary investigation on the St. Lawrence waterway. It is estimated that the cost of the work to be done by the American Government will be \$275,000. The President submitted recommendation to Congress favoring legislation making available this sum for the purpose. His letter was published in House of Representatives Document No. 498, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session.

2. The Canadian Government has already provided funds for its part of the investigation, and favorable action at an early date is therefore recommended.

3. No objection is seen to the form of the bill herewith.

JOHN W. WEEKS,  
Secretary of War.